

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 59th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES**

**Call to Order:** By **CHAIRMAN ARLENE BECKER**, on January 7, 2005 at 1:30 P.M., in Room 472 Capitol.

#### **ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Rep. Arlene Becker, Chairman (D)  
Rep. Tom Facey, Vice Chairman (D)  
Rep. Don Roberts, Vice Chairman (R)  
Rep. Mary Caferro (D)  
Rep. Emelie Eaton (D)  
Rep. Gordon R. Hendrick (R)  
Rep. Teresa K. Henry (D)  
Rep. William J. Jones (R)  
Rep. Dave McAlpin (D)  
Rep. Tom McGillvray (R)  
Rep. Mike Milburn (R)  
Rep. Art Noonan (D)  
Rep. Ron Stoker (R)  
Rep. Bill Warden (R)  
Rep. Jonathan Windy Boy (D)

**Members Excused:** Rep. Pat Wagman (R)

**Members Absent:** None.

**Staff Present:** Susan Fox, Legislative Branch  
Mary Gay Wells, Committee Secretary

**Please Note.** These are summary minutes. Testimony and discussion are paraphrased and condensed.

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: Organizational Meeting, 1/3/2005  
Executive Action:

**CHAIRMAN ARLENE BECKER** called the meeting to order. She welcomed the members and asked each one to introduce themselves.

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**Legislative Staffer, Susan Fox**, also introduced herself and handed out a letter telling the committee members the services that were available to them.

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**CHAIRMAN BECKER** spoke about committee rules. She spoke of proxy votes but informed the committee that a proxy could not be used to take a bill off the table.

**REPS. TERESA HENRY, RON STOKER, and GORDON HENDRICK** discussed the use of different motions that are used for bills.

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**CHAIRMAN BECKER** called on Deputy Director of the Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS) to speak to the committee.

**Deputy Director John Chappuis** introduced himself and spoke to the committee about the Department and the things that were of importance to them. He handed out an Organizational Chart of DPHHS and explained the chart to the committee.

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**REPS. TOM MCGILVRAY and DAVE MCALPIN** asked about the stability of the long term care group. **Dep. Director Chappuis** commented that there is a Medicaid Waiver program which provides services to help people stay in their home. Long Term Care is probably the most stable program.

**Dep. Director Chappuis** handed out an overview of the department which is budget oriented. There is a mission statement and basic objectives.

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**Dep. Director Chappuis** handed out a packet on Medicaid which is the biggest program and has the largest portion of their budget.

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He explained that Medicaid has grown. In 1999 they had, on a month-to-month basis, 64,000 people on Medicaid. They now have over 83,000 on a month-to-month basis.

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**REP. TOM FACEY** inquired if Montana's federal funds come with a Medicaid block grant or are they divided into separate funds?

**Dep. Director Chappuis** replied that TANF (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families) is a block grant and most of the others are in a grant form. Medicaid is an entitlement.

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**REPS. JONATHAN WINDY BOY, MIKE MILBURN and TOM MCGILVRAY** had a discussion with Dep. Director Chappuis about the disposition of monies in TANF, increases in disabled eligibles, and reasons for pharmacy increases.

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**Dep. Director Chappuis** presented a list of House Bills and Senate Bills and spoke on each one.

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**Dep. Director Chappuis** had one more handout. It was a report, "Montana Public Health Care Redesign Project, June 2004."

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**Dep. Director Chappuis** touched on what the Redesign Project is.

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There was a discussion on the hospital bed tax between **REP. TOM MCGILVRAY, REP. GORDON HENDRICK** and **Dep. Director Chappuis**.

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The committee asked for copies of bills to be available for the next committee meeting. The committee agreed not to have "goodies" at committee meetings.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 2:40 P.M.

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REP. ARLENE BECKER, Chairman

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MARY GAY WELLS, Secretary

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***Additional Exhibits:***

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